integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence.

(b) and (c) Some isolated incidents have come to the notice of the Government. Since 'Public Order' is a State subject under the constitution it is the responsibility of the State government to maintain it. Depending on the requirement and gravity of any situation, the Law and Order machinery is expected to act firmly and swiftly.

White Paper on ISI

646. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have expedited any process of bringing out a white paper on the activities of ISI in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Preparation of a White Paper is under consideration.

Pak sponsored suicide squads

647. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Pak agencies sponsoring suicide squads" as appeared in the Times of India, dated 25th January, 2000;

(b) whether a view was expressed by the Pakistani agencies that Islam was in danger in India and the squads had to fight "Jehad" and if necessary become martyrs for the cause; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check the menace of Fidayadeen groups (suicide squads)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Pakistan intelligence agencies have been working in close concert with religious fundamentalist forces in Pakistan to deploy foreign mercenaries in the name of 'Jehad' to abet militancy.